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SEPTENARIES

(3.)

IN

HONOR OF SEVERAL SAINTS

OF THE

ORDER OF SERVITES,

WITH A NOVENA

PREPARATORY TO CHRISTMAS DAY,

AS PRACTISED IN THE

CHURCHES OF THE SAID ORDER.



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DEVOUT EXERCISE.

To be practised in honour of the Seven Blessed Founders of the Order of Servites of the Virgin Mary; namely, BB. Bonfiglio Monaldi, Buongiuunta Manetti, Manetto Dell'Antella, Amadio Amidei, Uguccione Uguccioni, Sostegno Sostegni, and Alessio Falconieri, every Monday, or any other day at the convenience of the devout, as also on the seven days before their feast which is celebrated on the 11th of February.

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| <p>Come, O Holy Spirit, fill
 the hearts of Thy people
 and kindle in them the
 fire of Thy love.</p> | <p>Veni, Sancte Spiritus, reple-
 tuorum corda fidelium,
 et tui amoris in eis
 ignem accende.</p> |
| <p>V. Send forth Thy Spirit
 and they shall be cre-
 ated.</p> | <p>V. Emitte Spiritum Tuum
 et creabuntur.</p> |
| <p>R. And Thou shalt renew
 the face of the earth.</p> | <p>R. Et renovabis faciem
 terræ.</p> |
| <p>V. Remember this Thy
 Congregation.</p> | <p>V. Memento Congrega-
 tionis tuæ.</p> |
| <p>R. Which has been Thine
 from the beginning.</p> | <p>R. Quam possedisti ab
 initio.</p> |
| <p>V. O Lord, hear my
 prayer.</p> | <p>V. Domine exaudi ora-
 tionem meam.</p> |
| <p>R. And let my cry come
 unto Thee.</p> | <p>R. Et clamor meus ad te
 veniat.</p> |

Let us *pray*.

Oremus.

Enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, O Lord with the light of Thy brightness, that we may see what we ought to do, and be able to do what is right, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mentes nostras quæsumus Domine, lumine tuæ claritatis illustra; ut videre possimus quæ agenda sunt, et quæ recta sunt agere valeamus. Per Christum. Dominum Nostrum. R. Amen.

PRAYER I.

O Blessed Servants of Mary! you, who amid the corruption of the age, full of holy love, promoted with such ardour devotion towards the blessed Mary ever Virgin your Queen, so that she herself deigned to appear with equal love and glory to all seven at once, sweetly inviting you to quit the world and unite together in solitude the better to learn the true spirit and end of your vocation; intercede for me that I may obtain a sincere union of heart with my God, so that freed from every earthly affection, I may correspond to His most holy inspirations and promptly obey in all things His Most Holy Will.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER II.

O Glorious Fathers! who after having abandoned the riches and pleasures of the world, and feeling yet not satisfied and secure until hidden from men, (who flocking to your retreat impeded the pious liberty of your spiritual life) ~~did~~ ^{deserved} thereby merit that the Queen of heaven should again appear and indicate Mount Senario as a place of quiet and repose: grant that after having devoted myself also under the benign protection of Mary to a perfect life, nothing may ever turn me aside, nor any motive ever induce me to abandon the paths of virtue to return to the slippery and dangerous ways of sin.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER III.

O Blessed Penitents! who while begging alms in the streets with sublime disregard of your noble birth had the blessing, besides the general edification of the people, of hearing little infants at the breast miraculously break into articulate speech and exclaim "Behold the Servants of Mary!"—obtain for me also such a spirit of devotion, that practising holy works without any regard for human respect,

I may merit from Blessed Mary ever Virgin assistance in all my wants, set a good example to my neighbour, and thereby give glory and honour to The Most High.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER IV.

O most zealous Founders! to whom Blessed Mary ever Virgin communicated (in so wonderful a manner) her will that the Order of her Servants, and through it devout compassion for her Dolours should be propagated throughout the world, ~~namely~~ ^{as} by causing a vine loaded with ripe bunches (to spring up in the depth of winter; grant that not content with nourishing in my own heart a sincere devotion to Our Lady of Dolours, I may endeavour, as far as I am able, to inflame every heart with like desire to correspond to her wishes and will.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER V.

O most happy Anchorites! who by your devout meditation on the sorrows of the Great Queen of Martyrs merited that very special and unheard of apparition by which She, herself, sur-

rounded by Angels, adopted you for her sons, gave you the habit with which she herself was clothed, pointed out to you the rule for all your actions, and finally showed you the palm which was to be the reward of all your trials; interpose, I beseech you, your merits before Her, in order that She may deign with maternal affection to clothe my heart according to her own will, to illumine all my ways and works, and to be my faithful guide and companion in this life in order that I may praise her joyfully in the life everlasting.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VI.

O Heroes of the most sublime sanctity, who increasing always in the exercise of all virtues, merited to be rewarded by Heaven with the most wonderful prodigies; ~~now making~~ Mount Senario appear surrounded with flames, and again ~~sending~~ ^{now} angels to gather from it flowers hitherto unseen as an offering to Mary; obtain from God that I too may follow unflinching in your footsteps by the continual practise of good works, and may thus present to Mary those her chosen flowers which bring forth fruits of honour and probity.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VII.

O most venerable Patriarchs, who shared the privilege of a most holy death, some by expiring visibly in the arms of the Infant Jesus, others by being audibly summoned by Mary's voice to Paradise; some by winging their flight to Heaven under the figure of a little flame, others as a pure lily: oh! at the hour of my departure from this miserable world grant me your assistance, so that overcoming all the powers of hell, my soul may be wafted through your intercession, to share with you and Jesus the eternal glory of the blessed in Paradise.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

V. Pray for us, O Seven Blessed Founders.

R. That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who to keep alive the memory of the Dolours of thy most holy Mother hast enriched thy Church with a new Order by the Seven Blessed Founders her Servants, mercifully grant that we may be so united to their sorrows, that we may have a share in their joys.

Grant us, we beseech thee O Lord, persevering obedience to Thy will, that in our day the multitude of those who serve thee may be increased in merits and in number. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

DEVOUT EXERCISE.

IN honour of St. Philip Benizi, worthy propagator of the order of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be practised every Wednesday or any other day at the convenience of his devout followers, as well as on the seven days before his feast, which is celebrated on the 23rd of August.

V. Come Holy Spirit, &c.

R. Send forth thy Spirit, &c. (*Page 3.*)

PRAYER I.

O glorious St. Philip! thou who wert a bright example of true humility, and knewest how to conceal not only nobility of birth and profound learning under the habit of a lay brother of the order of Servants of Mary, but to refuse the proffered mitre and purple, and even the Pontifical Crown to the surprise of the whole world; obtain

for me, I beseech thee, true humility of heart, so that in all my actions and words I may acknowledge my own unworthiness, and humbling myself here on earth, may become worthy of the kingdom of heaven.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER II.

O Illustrious St. Philip, worthy propagator of the sacred order of the Servants of Mary, who attainedst to the virtue of obedience in such perfection that not only didst thou at the command of thy superiors receive holy orders and undertake the direction of thy brethren in Religion, but also, at the desire of the Vicar of Christ didst cheerfully brave the dangers of long and fatiguing journies through many countries of Europe for the benefit of Holy Mother Church, and the Salvation of Souls; obtain for me, I beseech thee, that I may have no other rule for all my actions than obedience to my superiors, and the fulfilment of the Divine Will.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER III.

O Chaste Servant of Most Holy Mary, who wert endowed by Almighty God with an almost angelical purity so that from thy youth and amidst the vices of a dissolute age, thou wert enabled to shun all sensual pleasures, and courageously resisting every earthly temptation, carry it unspotted and immaculate to the tomb; obtain for me, I beseech thee, grace that through the divine assistance I, too, may preserve until my latest breath purity of mind and chastity of body, and so be counted worthy of being numbered among the blessed company of those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb!

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER IV.

O glorious hero of patience, who with such generous and self-denying valour didst encounter so many dangers and hardships by travelling through woods and forests without guide or support to satisfy thy apostolic longing for souls, exposing thyself to insults, injuries, and persecutions for the honour of holy Church and the conversion of sinners,

obtain for me, I beseech thee, that I, too, by the assistance of Divine Grace, may endure wrongs with patience, and pardon freely those who have offended me, so that rendering, like thee, good for evil, I may obtain from God pardon for the sins of my past life.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER V.

O bright example of heroic penance, thou who from very infancy didst begin the holy practice of fasting by abstaining twice in every week from thy nurse's milk, and, a tender babe, didst repose on the bare ground, thus anticipating the time when, as member of a holy order, thou shouldst mortify thy flesh by rough hair shirts, sharp disciplines, and arduous pilgrimages, retiring often into caves and grottos, the better to crucify thy body ; obtain for me, I beseech thee, the gift of penance, that so being purged from my sins, I may be made worthy of eternal salvation.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VI.

O zealous servant of Mary, who wert always inflamed with a most ardent zeal for the salvation of souls and with heroic charity towards thy neighbour, whose poverty thou wert ever ready to assist without distinction of persons, even to the depriving thyself of thy own garments to bestow them on a leper, and who as an infant of five months didst miraculously with articulate speech ask of thy mother to bestow alms on the Servants of Mary ; glorious St. Philip, who didst labour incessantly to promote peace in private families and among Christian princes, obtain for me, I beseech thee, that by the divine grace my heart may in future, after the glory of God, own no other object than the good of my neighbour, and the salvation of souls redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VII.

O Seraph burning with the love of God, thou whose burning charity not only caused thee to be transported into extasy in cells and cloisters, in churches and among crowds, but also inflamed thee

with an ardent longing to die a martyr for the faith of Jesus Christ, the which thou didst propagate through a great part of Europe, obtaining everywhere from God the conversion of heretics, infidels, and sinners, and spreading among all devotion to the Dolours of the Most Holy Mary in the passion and death of her crucified Son ; obtain for me, oh heavenly protector, that by the divine blessing my heart may never cherish any other love or any desire than to imitate Jesus crucified, so that being transformed heart and soul into Him on earth, I may enjoy Him for ever in his kingdom in heaven.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

LET US PRAY.

O God, the ruler and guardian of thy faithful servants, who by the blessed Philip hast glorified the honorable name of The Servants of Mary : Grant to us Thy servants that through his patronage we may so serve Thee and Thy Mother on Earth that we may merit to reign with him in Heaven. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

DEVOUT EXERCISE.

IN honour of St. Pellegrino Laziosi da Forli, priest of the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be practised every Tuesday or any other day at the convenience of his devout followers, or for seven days before his feast which is celebrated on the 30th of April, to obtain, through his protection, true conversion of the heart, the pardon of our sins, patience in tribulations, and the divine assistance in every bodily infirmity.

V. Come Holy Spirit, &c.

R. Send forth thy spirit, &c. (*Page 3.*)

PRAYERS IN HONOR OF ST. PELLEGRINO.

. PRAYER I.

O glorious Saint, model of every perfect virtue, thou who didst so promptly correspond to the divine vocation miraculously announced to thee by Mary, when prostrate before her image in the Cathedral Church of Forli thou didst implore her powerful patronage, and repenting of the errors of thy youth, abandoning the honours, the pleasures, and the riches of the world, didst eagerly hasten to

throw thyself at the feet of St. Philip Benizi, and with the most humble and fervent prayers obtainedst the grace of being received by him into the order of the Servants of Mary; obtain for me, I beseech thee from God a heart docile and submissive to His holy inspirations, so that detached from all the goods and sensible pleasures of this world, it may be ever prompt in following His divine will.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER II.

O most courageous Saint Pellegrino! who in reward for the promptitude and fervour with which thou didst correspond to the Divine call, didst merit to have an angelic guide through the wild and unknown paths which led to Sienna, where thou didst take the religious habit of the Servants of Mary; obtain for me, I beseech thee, that in all my actions I may be always assisted by my good angel guardian to illumine, direct, and guide me in every event that may befall me on the way of Eternal Salvation.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER III.

O exalted Saint Pellegrino! how pleasing to heaven was the sacrifice thou madest of thy soul and of thy body in embracing evangelical poverty and the renunciation of thy own will and sensual pleasures in the religious state. God was pleased to manifest this by a miracle, causing a luminous globe of fire to descend visibly upon thee as thou wert in the act of taking the sacred habit; a presage of that holiness by which thou wert destined to shine gloriously in the Church of Jesus Christ. Obtain for me, I beseech thee, O great Saint, a portion of that celestial fire, that every earthly affection being consumed in me, I may have no other love, nor any other desire but the love of my God.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER IV.

O how well didst thou persevere, faithful Servant of Mary in the career of virtue and holiness thou didst undertake! Assiduous in prayer, most rigid in fastings and abstinence, and never shrinking from bodily austerities, thou didst render thyself a living example of the most heroic penance.

Having once repented of thy youthful follies, thou didst ever afterwards abhor sin, and didst thus merit to live always pure and immaculate until the end of thy days here upon earth.

May I obtain the grace to imitate thee, oh great Saint, so that truly repenting of my grievous sins, and having obtained for them, through thy intercession, a gracious pardon from the divine clemency, I may never more suffer myself to be overcome by evil passions, but continuing ever constant in my resolution never more to offend against my God, may remain faithful to Him until death.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER V.

O most humble St. Pellegrino ! who full of the most sublime merits, didst nevertheless desire to be employed in the meanest offices in the service of thy brethren, and only suffer'dst thyself to be raised to the priesthood in obedience to the express command of thy superiors ; obtain for me I beseech thee from God the true humility of heart through which, far from the honours and distinctions of this world, I may live ever hidden in my God, and thus become worthy of His graces and His heavenly favours.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VI.

O hero of the most invincible patience ! who didst endure, without ever complaining, the contradictions and insults of men, and didst suffer without a murmur the most cruel torments caused by an incurable wound formed on thy right leg through remaining *for thirty years* always on thy feet, contenting thyself with resting thy head upon a hard stone during the term of that brief repose thou wert constrained to allow thy limbs when exhausted with fatigue ; O that I might be able to imitate thee in such holy sanctity, in reward for which thou didst merit that the crucified Jesus Himself should detach Himself from the Cross and heal with the touch of His hand by an unheard-of miracle that painful wound.

Obtain for me that I, too, by the exercise of patience and the mortification of my senses may so expiate my sins, and thus be made partaker of those heavenly consolations which thou dost enjoy in Holy Paradise.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VII.

O Apostle of Emilia, holy St. Pellegrino ! who, with a heart full of holy zeal for the conversion of sinners, didst never weary of preaching the Divine Word to bring them to saving repentance ; and who by the gift of miracles with which thou wert endowed by God, didst spread his honour and glory throughout all Romagna : obtain for me, I beseech thee, that, not content with my own sanctification, I may also seek and procure that of my neighbours by the good example of my life, by unceasing prayer and brotherly exhortations. Thus shall it be my happy lot to promote as much as in my power the glory of God in this world and so be a partaker with thee and with all the Saints of His eternal glory in Heaven.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

LET US PRAY.

O God who hast wonderfully granted to the blessed Pellegrino an angel as his guardian, the Mother of God as his teacher, and Jesus as the healer of a grievous ulcer; grant, we beseech thee, by his merits, that we may worship with a special love and praise on earth and in heaven the same Angel, Virgin, and Saviour, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEVOUT EXERCISE.

In honour of Saint Juliana Falconieri foundress of the third Order of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be practised every Thursday, or any other day at the convenience of her devout followers, as well as on the seven days before her feast, which is celebrated on the 19th of June, in order that through the protection of this great Saint, our Lord Jesus Christ may grant us the grace of always receiving Him worthily in the most Holy Sacrament, and especially at the hour of our death.

V. Come, O Holy Spirit, &c.

R. And thou shalt renew, &c. (*Page 3.*)

PRAYER I.

O St. Juliana noble conqueror of the world and of all its vanities, full of confusion I humble myself in thy presence, and considering that thou didst never allow thyself to be deceived by human greatness and earthly pleasures, but with a magnanimous heart didst despise them to consecrate thyself entirely to God in poverty and in the severity of the religious state; I beg of thee to

obtain for me a perfect knowledge of the unfitness of earthly things in order that I may not be seduced by their vain appearance, and may love naught else and desire naught else but the eternal bliss of heaven.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER II.

O rare example of unsullied innocence, thou who at the simple mention of sin didst faint with sorrow, and didst pray to God that rather than commit a single one He should make thee endure the terrible pains of hell; what a reproach to me who have so many times offended my God by my grievous sins! O would that I might die of grief for having committed them! obtain for me, I beseech thee, O blessed Saint, a sincere repentance for my past sins, and the grace I so ardently desire that for the future I may rather die than fall again into sin.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER III.

O glorious example of the most heroic penance, whose angelic purity of body didst shine more resplendent from the austerity and rigor of the

mortifications to which thou didst subject it like a white lily among thorns ; obtain for me, I beseech thee, the grace to imitate thy exalted virtue, that as thou who wert all innocence didst lead a life of severe penance; I, who am bowed beneath the weight of my heavy and grievous sins, may never shrink from expiating them by salutary penance and mortification.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER IV.

O worthy servant of the humble handmaid of the Lord ! who not content with having despised the riches and honors of thy illustrious family, to clothe thyself with the poor habit of the third Order of Servites by thee instituted in thy native city of Florence, didst further show thy profound humility by voluntarily undertaking the lowest and most laborious offices ; obtain for me, I beseech thee, by thy powerful intercession, that the spirit of pride, the fatal source of all my sins, may be extinguished in me, so that in humility and gentleness of heart I may imitate thy rare virtues and thus become worthy to be a partaker of the grace of God.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER V.

O noble-minded saint, who didst not only faithfully undertake great things for the service of God, but didst also with admirable prudence bring them to a triumphant end; to whose zeal and ardent charity is due the institution of the third Order of the Servants of Mary, as well as the cessation in Florence of intestine discords and of many scandals and abuses : obtain for me, I beseech thee, that I may endeavour by every means in my power, to imitate thee in the practice of these holy virtues ; and that by the aid of Divine grace I may have strength to overcome and subdue my evil passions, and in all my actions be ever guided by the maxims of Christian wisdom.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VI.

O faithful spouse of Christ, whose life was consecrated to the love of thy God. ; and who, continually thinking of Him, and languishing for thy crucified Love, didst pass whole days in sweet extasies : overwhelmed with confusion and grief at the thought of how feeble and cold is the love I bear to my God, my Creator, and my merciful

Redeemer, I implore thee O heavenly advocate to intercede for me that by virtue of that holy love, my heart, being detached from all earthly things, may for the time to come have its affections fixed solely on Heaven.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VII.

O Blessed Saint Juliana, who in reward for thy ardent love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament didst enjoy the unspeakable and miraculous bliss of passing to thy eternal rest with His divine impression upon thy breast, His sacred name upon thy lips, and the fulness of grace in thy soul ; obtain for me, I beseech thee, great saint, and my special protectress, the grace of a good death : assist me during my life that I may avoid sin, and intercede for me that when my last hour approaches I may be comforted and strengthened by the Blessed Sacraments, and saved from eternal death.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who didst wonderfully refresh blessed Juliana, thy virgin, in her last moments with thy Son's precious body ; mercifully grant by her intercession, that we also, at the hour of death, may be

so refreshed and strengthened therewith as to be brought to our heavenly country. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

DEVOUT EXERCISE.

In preparation for the solemn Festival of the nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come, O holy Spirit, &c. (*Page 3*).

Send forth thy Spirit, &c.,

Let us *pray*.

Oremus.

Enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, O Lord with the light of Thy brightness, that we may see what we ought to do, and be able to do what is right, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Mentes nostras quæsumus Domine, lumine tuæ claritatis illustra; ut videre possimus quæ agenda sunt, et quæ recta sunt agere valeamus. Per Christum Dominum Nostrum.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

PRAYER I.

Prostrate at Thy feet, O Supreme Creator of the universe, we adore Thee with the profoundest humility in this most holy and august Sacrament, and we implore Thy aid in disposing our hearts. To celebrate worthily Thy coming Deign to excite within us those ardent desires which Mary Thy most holy mother cherished in her soul, and to be ever present with us as Thou wert to her through the words of Thy prophets, relying on whose promises she

awaited in anxious expectation, the coming of the Messiah.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER II.

O most merciful Redeemer, we confess ourselves unworthy to receive Thee spiritually within our souls which are ever filled with pride and haughtiness ; we therefore beseech Thee to bestow on us a portion of that sublime humility which the blessed Virgin displayed when the angel announced to her the mystery of Thy Incarnation and to grant us those humble and contrite hearts which Thou Thyself has declared worthy in Thy sight.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER III.

O that we had hearts all inflamed with love to receive Thee worthily our adorable Lord and Saviour ! do Thou deign, in virtue of that boundless charity which inspired Thy blessed mother in Thy Conception, to inflame our cold and frozen hearts, so that henceforth and for ever they may burn for Thee, our true and only God.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER IV.

Come O most amiable Son of Mary, come and visit our hearts ; and inasmuch as thou didst, when but just conceived, inspire Thy mother with the de-

sire to visit her cousin Elizabeth to sanctify by Thy divine presence the babe in her womb ; do thou deign also by the merits of Thy same holy mother to bestow on us an abundant supply of the gifts of Thy divine grace.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER V.

We earnestly desire, O great God of our hearts, that Thou shouldst be born spiritually within our souls ; and to obtain this we humbly beseech Thee to make us sharers in those fervent aspirations with which Thy most blessed mother anxiously longed for Thy birth that she might contemplate Thee and press Thee, as a babe, in her loving arms.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VI.

O most adorable Lord, we beseech Thee, in memory of the devout submission to the order of Cæsar and the will of Thy Divine Father which Thy most dear mother Mary displayed, when, though near the time of her delivery, she promptly left her own home and travelled to Bethlehem in the inclement winter season, to grant that we, animated by such a touching example, may learn to conform ourselves, under every circumstance, to Thy Divine Will.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VII.

O adorable Saviour and Redeemer, since it will never be possible for us to conform ourselves en-

tirely to Thy sovereign will until the tumult of our unruly passions is subdued within us ; grant us the grace to become partakers of the mortifications endured by Thy most afflicted mother when she beheld herself rejected by all, and without a place wherein to bring to light Thyself, who art the true light of the world; that so having mortified our passions in this world, we may live for ever with Thee in that which is to come.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER VIII.

O Divine Redeemer, how great must be our grief and confusion when we consider the excess of Thy charity towards mankind ; that Thou, the Creator of all things shouldest condescend to be born in a mean stable, and to lie a helpless babe couched upon wretched straw. Deign, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy tender mother, who so well corresponded with Thy loving intentions, to excite in us the feelings of a lively gratitude, so that for the future we may learn to suffer something for Thee who didst suffer so much for us.

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

PRAYER IX.

Lastly, O my Jesus ! since thou, our loving and beloved Redeemer being holiness itself, canst not dwell in corrupt hearts, and since thou didst choose for Thy mother a virgin who

preserved her purity so immaculate before, during, and after childbirth; we humbly entreat Thee by this same ineffable purity of Thy virgin mother to cleanse and purify our hearts, that so they may become fitting abodes for Thee, and temples worthy of the Holy Ghost

Pater. Ave. Gloria.

At the end of the prayers, one of the following Antiphons is to be arranged for each day:—

1ST DAY.

ANT. Blessed art thou, O Mary, who didst believe: for what the Lord said to thee shall be fulfilled in thee. ALLELUIA.

2ND DAY.

ANT. All generations shall call me blessed, for God hath regarded His humble handmaid.

3RD DAY.

ANT. O Wisdom that proceedeth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, disposing all things to might and sweetness; come and teach us the way of prudence.

4TH DAY.

ANT. O Adonai, and leader of Israel, who appearedst to Moses in the fire of the flaming bush, and gavest him the law of Sinai; come and redeem us by Thy power.

5TH DAY.

ANT. O Root of Jesse, who standest as a sign to the people. before whom kings shall be silent, to whom the Gentiles shall pray; come and deliver us; do not now delay.

6TH DAY.

ANT. O Key of David, and sceptre of the house of Israel, who openest, and no man shutteth; who shuttest and no man openeth; come and lead from prison the captive who sits in darkness and the shades of death.

7TH DAY.

ANT. O Orient splendour of eternal light, and sun of justice; come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and the shades of death.

8TH DAY.

ANT. O King of the Gentiles, and their desire, and the corner-stone that makest both one; come and save man whom thou formedst of the earth.

9TH DAY.

ANT. O Emanuel, our king and lawgiver, the expectation and Saviour of the Gentiles; come and save us, O Lord our God.

Then follows

THE MAGNIFICAT,

After which the ANTIPHON for the day is repeated. Then is said—

V. Rorate coeli desuper, et nubes pluant Justum.

R. Aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem

OREMUS.

Deus, qui nos redemptionis nostræ, annua expectatione lætificas ; præsta, ut Unigenitum tuum, quem Redemptorem læti Suscipimus, venientem quoque, judicem securi videamus, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum filium tuum

Conscientias nostras quæsumus domine, visitando purifica ut venius Jesus Christus filius tuus dominus noster, come omnibus sanctis, paratam sibi in nobis inveniatur mansionem qui tecum, &c.

AMEN.

V. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above ;
and let the clouds rain the Just One,

R. Let the earth be opened, and bud forth
a Saviour.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who dost gladden us with the yearly expectation of our Redemption ; grant that Thine only Begotten, whom we joyously receive as our Redeemer, we may tranquilly behold coming as our Judge, our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son.

Visit and purify our Conscience, we beseech Thee O Lord, that when Jesus Christ Thy Son comes with all His Saints, He may find in us a dwelling prepared for Himself.

Who liveth and reigneth, &c.

THEN FOLLOW

The Litany, Tantum Ergo, and Benediction.

